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NIHON KEIZAI APRIL 30 MORNING EDITION FRONT-PAGED ARTICLE AS
EXTRACTED BELOW:

1. EURODIF HAS OFFERED URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES TO JAPANESE
UTILITY INDUSTRY. FRENCH CEA INDICATED TO UTILITIES THAT EURODIF
IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES TO JAPAN OVER
1980-85 PERIOD INCLUDING SUPPLY OF 2000 TO 3000 TONS OF YELLOW
CAKE.

2. PRIOR TO EURODIF'S OFFER, URENCO INITIATED NEGOTIATIONS WITH
JAPANESE UTILITY INDUSTRY. URENCO CHAIRMAN FINK IS EXPECTED TO
VISIT JAPAN TO NEGOTIATE EXPORT OF ENRICHED URANIUM ON CONDITIONS
SIMILAR TO EURODIF OFFER.

3. EURODIF AND URENCO, AS GOVERNMENT-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS,
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ARE REQUESTING GOJ PURCHASE ENRICHED URANIUM AS PART OF EFFORTS
TO RECTIFY EC-JAPAN TRADE IMBALANCE.

4. MITI AND JAPANESE UTILITY INDUSTRY EXPECTED TO NEGOTIATE WITH
EURODIF AND URENCO TO SECURE FUEL STOCKPILE.

5. SALE EUROPEAN SWUS TO JAPAN WOULD REDUCE JAPAN DEPENDENCE ON

U.S. FOR ENRICHED URANIUM. DELAY OF NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT
IN EUROPE EXPECTED TO RESULT IN SURPLUS OF ENRICHED URANIUM DURING
THIS PERIOD.

6. JAPAN WILL THUS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BARGAIN WITH THE
U.S. AND EUROPE. SHERMAN

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